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In re Application of:

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ELEMENTS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the Office's attention for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Office enter this statement and consider and make of record the documents listed on the attached Form SB08A and any document(s) disclosed herein. Pursuant to MPEP 609, Applicant requests that the Office return a copy of the attached Form SB08A, on which each entry is initialed as considered by the Office, with the next official communication.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g) and 1.97(h), submssion of this statement and attached Form SB08A should not be construed as (i) a representation that a search has been made, nor as (ii) an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b). Submission of this statement also is not to be construed as an admssion that the documents and information cited therein constitute prior art.

The documents cited in the attached Form SB08A were previously submitted to the Office. The citations for these documents, however, were not initialed as having been

considered by the Examiner. Documents cited as A1-A28 and A30-A65 were previously submitted for consideration on two separate occasions: on February 19, 2004 (only a selection of documents were initialed as having been considered by the Examiner) and again on September 8, 2004 (a signed and returned PTO-1449 form indicating the documents were considered was never received by Applicant). Similarly, Applicant previously submitted for consideration on two separate occasions the Kozal and Wallace documents (line items A66 and A67 respectively) on May 20, 1997 and again on November 11, 1998, and Applicant has no record of receiving an initialed Form PTO-1449. Applicant also submitted the Jarrell document (line item A29) on May 12, 2004 and has no record of receiving an initialed Form PTO-1449.

The cited documents are submitted here again for consideration and Applicant respectfully requests that the Office enter this statement and consider and make of record the documents listed and disclosed herein. As the documents cited in the attached Form SB08A already were submitted by Applicant to the Office, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed without a fee.

In the unlikely event a fee calculation document or pertinent fee is not included or separated from this submission, and the Office determines that relief is required, Applicant authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such fee due in connection with the filing of this statement to Deposit Account No. **50-3473**.

Respectfully submitted,

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